

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the telephonic discussion on October 12, 2007 regarding the Office Communication. During the discussion, the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment and the requirement under rule 1.105 were discussed.

As discussed, to assist the Examiner in identifying the specific claims of those applications and/or patents which may present double patenting issues with the instant application claims, Applicant hereby provides a list of independent claims (attached herewith) for the following applications/patents, which were identified in Applicant's last response:

09/893,122 filed on June 26, 2001 now USP 6,937,696

09/178,383 filed on October 23, 1998 now USP 6,621,889

09/178,385 filed on October 23, 1998 now USP 6,279,579

09/712,724 filed on November 14, 2000 now USP 6,690,965

09/940,679 filed on August 27, 2001 now USP 7,204,254

10/234,658 filed on September 3, 2002 now USP 6,973,202

10/305,416 filed on November 25, 2002 now USP 6,980,679

10/327,603 filed on December 20, 2002 now USP 7,123,758

10/664,534 filed on September 16, 2003 now USP 6,959,266

10/957,009 filed on September 30, 2004

11/105,884 filed on April 13, 2005

11/116,699 filed on April 27, 2005

11/218,960 filed on September 1, 2005 now USP 7,191,100

11/580,696 filed on October 14, 2006

10/678,741 filed on October 3, 2003

Please note that the list of independent claims do not include claims from the following provisional application and abandoned applications:

60/415,992 filed on October 5, 2002

09/178,384 filed on October 23, 1998 now abandoned

10/454,754 filed on June 3, 2002 now abandoned

09/823,945 filed on November 2, 2003 now abandoned

Should the examiner desire a list of independent claims from these applications, Applicant will provide the same.


Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for considering Applicant's position of not providing an opinion on double patenting issues, and will continue to try to assist the Examiner in examining the instant application. Should there be any additional factual information that the Examiner needs in order to make a determination of a double-patenting rejection, Applicant

would be glad to provide such information to assist the Examiner.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this response, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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